

worked with community members and witnessed the myriad challenges faced by those suffering from chronic poverty. Tom took his passion for working with the disadvantaged to Yale Law School where he served as a student clerk in the Complex Federal Litigation Clinic and a Student Director in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Tom clerked for the Honorable Kimba M. Wood in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. He continued his immigration advocacy as an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs where he represented asylum seekers and designed pro se programs for immigrants in removal proceedings.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Tom began working with the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. As a litigation fellow with the National Prison Project, Tom helped to produce a groundbreaking comprehensive report condemning the belated evacuation of the Orleans Parish Prison. Tom combined his experience investigating prison abuse in New Orleans with his immigration expertise when he was hired to be the Immigration Detention Staff Attorney for the National Prison Project. In that role, Tom raised attention and awareness to the deficient and abusive medical care practices in immigrant detention and assisted Francisco Castaneda in a landmark case of medical abuse in detention. Tom testified honorably before the Judiciary Committee on two occasions, once accompanied by two of his clients who shared their stories in an effort to improve conditions of confinement.

As counsel for the Judiciary Committee, Tom worked tirelessly to provide assistance to members and staff. He was always available for legal analysis, advice and good conversation. Tom was known to many members and staff as a leader on all things relating to immigration. Tom developed a reputation for being dependable and easily approachable. His energetic disposition and positive attitude were always appreciated by Members and staff on both sides of the aisle.

Tom played an important role in Comprehensive Immigration Reform negotiations, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, issues concerning the surge of unaccompanied children and families at the Southern border and enactment of several private immigration bills. Tom's absence will be felt on matters pertaining to immigration law and policy, but we are pleased to know that he will continue his efforts as the Vice President of Immigration Policy for the Center of American Progress.

Mr. Speaker, we applaud Tom's tireless, principled and loyal public service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people wish him every success in his future endeavors.

MRS. UNITED STATES 2015

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland's Katie Garza for being crowned Mrs. United States 2015.

Mrs. Garza truly encompasses the qualities of this competition. She is an intelligent wife, mother, and professional and beautiful on the inside and out. During her reign as Mrs. United States, Katie will use her platform to benefit the Pumping for Preemies foundation. Her foundation helps save the lives of premature infants by providing donor milk to mothers who are unable to provide breast milk. As a mother to three premature children, this cause is near and dear to Katie's heart. We are proud of Katie for highlighting her personal cause on the national stage. She is an excellent role model who represents Pearland well.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Katie Garza for being crowned Mrs. United States 2015.

PRATT & WHITNEY 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pratt & Whitney on their 90th anniversary. Back in my home state of Georgia, this American company has six major facilities, employing more than 2,000 Georgians. In my district in Middle and Southwest Georgia alone, Pratt & Whitney employs over 1,000 employees at their Engine Center in Columbus.

I remember the tour I took of Pratt & Whitney's Columbus Engine Center to get a first-hand account of the plant's operation and how it impacts the local economy. From what I could see, Pratt & Whitney's employees truly take customer service to a new level. For almost 30 years, Pratt & Whitney has been a driving force for job creation in the Columbus community, and have become good corporate citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I have said it before and I will say it again, Congress' first, second, and third priority must be job creation, as it is a crucial part to our continued economic recovery. For the past 90 years, Pratt & Whitney has also been focused on creating good jobs in Columbus and throughout the nation, and have succeeded through producing dependable engines and supporting great communities.

I congratulate Pratt & Whitney on this auspicious occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTEN-
NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ANDER-
SON, INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Anderson, Indiana. Anderson has played an integral role in the industrial development of Indiana and Hoosiers from every part of the state are thankful for the contributions of the men and women of Anderson.

The city of Anderson is celebrating 150 years, but the history of Anderson dates back further. Chief William Anderson of the Delaware tribe first settled in the area, giving it the name Anderson Town. Eventually the name was shortened to Anderson and in 1865, it was officially incorporated.

From its early origins, Anderson has been a model for other cities and towns to follow, through its continued dedication to building a welcoming community for residents and visitors alike. In the years since its first mayor, Robert Williams, who served from 1865–1866, Anderson has developed into a lively and thriving community, serving as a home for generations to families, businesses, professionals, churches, schools, and other organizations.

In 1887, the city saw a great influx in business due to the discovery of natural gas. This discovery is responsible for the initial spike in automotive, electric, and other manufacturing companies to settle in Anderson, most notably Delco Remy and Guide Lamp. Despite the downturn in the automotive industry in past decades, the city has exhibited resilience and welcomed new businesses such as, Nestle, Xerox, Greenville Technologies, Inc., Keihin North America, and Sirmax, to name only a few. In addition to its industries, the city is home to the Paramount Theatre, Mounds State Park, Anderson University, and Hoosier Park Racing & Casino.

Anderson, with all of its industry and attractions, is nothing without the people. The citizens have a clear passion and love for their city. I am proud to represent such an amazing city, one with a history of growth and prosperity as well as the promise of a prosperous future. Please join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the incorporation of the great city of Anderson, Indiana.

HONORING MS. GLORIA MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ ON THE OCCASION OF HER NEW POSITION AS A REPORTER FOR ABC 11 WTVD

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Ms. Gloria Margarita Rodriguez on her new position as a reporter for WTVD in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

A native to the Coachella Valley, Ms. Rodriguez has served the community as KMIR Anchor, Reporter, and Producer for over 9 years. She has used her talent to cover several nationally recognized local events such as the Humana Challenge, Palm Springs International Film Festival, and the BNP Paribas Open. Additionally, she has interviewed celebrities and politicians, reported on numerous wildfires, and covered President Gerald Ford's death and state funeral. Ms. Rodriguez has used her reporting to shed light on important issues including working conditions of migrant workers, living conditions at Thermal mobile home parks, immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border, and LGBT equality rights.

After completing high school at Cathedral City, Ms. Rodriguez received her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and political